



Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 National Special Security Event (NSSE) Grant Program Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What is the purpose of the FY 2011 NSSE Grant?

The purpose of the FY 2011 NSSE Grant is to provide supplemental federal assistance to state, local, tribal, and territorial governments for certain actual costs of providing emergency management, public safety, and security during the preparation and conduct of an NSSE.

2. How much funding is available under the FY 2011 NSSE Grant?

The total amount of funds distributed under the FY 2011 NSSE Grant will be \$7,485,000.

3. Who is eligible to apply for FY 2011 NSSE Grant funds?

All 56 states and territories are eligible to apply for NSSE Grant funds, but only states and territories that host an NSSE before September 30, 2012 can receive funding. The State Administrative Agency (SAA) is the only entity eligible to submit applications to FEMA for FY 2011 NSSE grant funds. Applications shall be for costs that support an event-specific to the Operational Security Plan developed in coordination with the interagency NSSE Executive Steering Committee.

Any locality hosting an NSSE that also receives reimbursement for the NSSE from other federal funds, including the State Department's "protection of Foreign Missions and Officials" account is not eligible to be reimbursed with NSSE Grant funds.

4. What are the key milestones associated with the FY 2011 NSSE Grant?

Applications must be submitted through the ND Grants system located at <https://portal.fema.gov> no later than 120 days after the NSSE or 30 days before the end of fiscal year, 2012, whichever is shorter.

5. How will the FY 2011 NSSE Grant funds be allocated?

FEMA will review each application and verify compliance with all administrative and eligibility criteria identified in the application kit. Eligible applications will be reviewed and prioritized based upon the expected loss of un-reimbursed costs and lack of alternate funding sources.

Priority will be given to applicants meeting the following criteria:

Significant Unreimbursed Costs

Applicants demonstrating un-reimbursed costs directly related to the provision of security, public safety and emergency management for the designated NSSE. Significant unreimbursed costs are considered to be those costs over and above normal expenditures.

Lack of Alternate Funding Sources

Applicants hosting types of NSSE which have not in the past received direct Congressional appropriations, event-related presidential declarations, or third-party funding which provide reimbursement or direct payment for costs associated with hosting the event.

Funds will only be made available for event-specific costs that directly support the Operational Security Plan. These costs have to be specified in a Budget Detail Worksheet, which has to be submitted to and approved by FEMA.

6. What legislation authorized funding for the FY 2011 NSSE Grant?

The *Department of Defense and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011* (Public Law 112-10) provided funding for this program.

7. Where is the FY 2011 NSSE Grant Guidance and Application Kit located?

The FY 2011 NSSE Grant Guidance and Application Kit is located online at: <http://www.fema.gov/grants> as well as on www.grants.gov.

8. How will the FY 2011 NSSE Grant applications be submitted?

Final applications must be submitted through the ND Grants system located at <https://portal.fema.gov> no later than 120 days after the NSSE or 30 days before the end of fiscal year, 2012, whichever is shorter. Applications received later may not be eligible for full reimbursement of costs before the NSSE.

The application must be completed and only final submission made through the ND Grants system located at <https://portal.fema.gov> will be accepted. If you need assistance registering for the ND Grants system, please contact FEMA's Enterprise Service Desk at (888) 457-3362. Applicants are encouraged to begin their ND Grants registration at the time of solicitation to ensure they have adequate time to start and complete their application submission.

9. What other resources are available to address programmatic, technical, and financial questions?

- For additional program-specific information, please contact the Centralized Scheduling & Information Desk (CSID) help line at (800) 368-6498 or askcsid@dhs.gov. CSID hours of operation are from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday.

- For financial-related questions, including pre-and post-award administration and technical assistance, applicants may contact the FEMA Grant Programs Directorate Call Center at (866) 927-5646 or via e-mail to ASK-GMD@dhs.gov.

10. What is the FY 2011 NSSE Grant period of performance?

The period of performance is 90 days, defined as the 60 days prior to and the 30 days after the NSSE.